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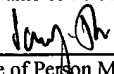
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In Re Application of:

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Title: GASTRIC RETENTIVE ORAL DOSAGE FORM WITH RESTRICTED DRUG
RELEASE IN THE LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

BLANKET PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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